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GUIDEWIRE EXIT TOOL

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 19, 2006

b. The enclosed amendment adds claims in excess of the number previously

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application, in which prosecution is closed. 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows: X a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on. b. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on, which arguments are hereby incorporated by reference. c. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith. \mathbf{X} d. An Information Disclosure Statement, as well as copies of the cited references, is being filed concurrently herewith. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated X below. X a. No claims in excess of the number previously paid for are being added.

paid for. The claim fees are calculated as shown.

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COMPUTATION OF FEE

| | Number Filed After Any Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Additional Fee |
|----------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Basic RCE Filing Fee | | - | = | | х | | = | 790 |
| Total Claims | 13 | - 20 | = | 0 | X | 50 | = | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - 3 | = | 0 | х | 200 | = | 0 |
| | TOTAL | | | | | | | \$790 |

X 3. Check No. 17/454 in the amount of \$790.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.

X 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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